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FOR SECRETARY OF CO*MERCE DENT AND COMMISSIONER GENERAL
WELLES HENDERSON FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: EXPO '74, SPOKANE

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1. NOW THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPO '74, I AM WRITING TO THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME. OUTLINING AGAIN THE CASE FOR BRITISH PARTICIPATION. WHEN HE HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS THE BRITISH POSITION, I PLAN TO CALL ON HIM TO URGE A FAVORABLE DECISION. I REALIZE THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS ON TWO OCCASIONS STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, BUT I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE FRENCH DEVELOPMENT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO CHANGE THIS VIEW.

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2. I SUGGEST THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPROACH THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO SOLICIT HIS SUPPORT AS WELL AS PROPOSE THAT ONE OF HIS STAFF VISIT SPOKANE IN ORDER TO INSPECT THE EXHIBITION SITE. IT SEEMS THAT A VISIT TO THE SITE IMPRESSED THE FRENCH SUFFICIENTLY TO ELICIT THEIR CHANGE OF POSITION REGARDING PARTICIPATION. THE COMBINATION OF THE FRENCH DECISION AND STRONG RECOMMENDATION FROM AMB. CROMER MIGHT PRODUCE A BRITISH DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPO '74.
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